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(54) Title: ANALGETIC PYRROLINE DERIVATIVES

(57) Abstract: A method for inducing analgesia and/or inhibiting abuse of abusive substances includes administration of d-methadone metabolites or their structural analogs. The d-methadone metabolites, EMDP and EDDP, and their structural analogs may be incorporated into a suitable pharmaceutical composition for administration to patients. The invention includes the method itself, certain structural analogs, and pharmaceutical compositions for use in accordance with the method.

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 13-32
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
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3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of Item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this International application, as follows:

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
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- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
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Continuation of Box I.2

Claims Nos.: 13-32

The claims lack clarity with respect to formula II, in which the valency of the nitrogen seems incorrect, and with respect to the tables in claims 5, 11, 17, and 27, which comprise entries for R2 ("=NCH3") not provided in the preceding claims and which comprise an entry "X", which is not defined in the provided formulae.

Moreover, the initial phase of the search revealed for claims 13-32 a very large number of documents relevant to the issue of novelty. So many documents were retrieved that it is impossible to determine which parts of the claim(s) may be said to define subject-matter for which protection might legitimately be sought (Article 6 PCT).

For these reasons, a meaningful search over the whole breadth of the claim(s) is impossible. Consequently, the search has been restricted to: applications of compounds as defined based on the described nicotinic receptor blocking activity (see claims 1-12).

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